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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION: DEMAND FOR UN CONFERENCE
SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

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1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL MISOFF WAS INFORMED BY HANS D'ORVILLE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONFERENCE SERVICES, INTERPRETATION AND MEETINGS DIVISION THAT ECOSOC SECRETARIAT (CORDOVEZ) HAS REQUESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) HAS REQUESTED ONE LARGE AND TWO SMALL CONFERENCE ROOMS FOR ITS SEPTEMBER 6-15 SESSION. THIS WOULD IMPLY THAT COW INTENDS TO HOLD THREE MEETINGS EACH MORNING, AFTERNOON AND EVENING, FOR A TOTAL OF NINE. THESE REQUIREMENTS EXPRESSED BY CORDOVEZ EXCEED CONSIDERABLY WHAT MISSION UNDERSTANDS TO BE REQUEST MADE BY COW CHAIRMAN JAZAIRI, WHICH WAS FOR A TOTAL OF SIX MEETINGS PER DAY, WITH A "FALLBACK" POSITION OF FOUR OR EVEN THREE, ONLY ONE OF WHICH WOULD BE IN A LARGE ROOM. CONFERENCE SERVICES HAS INDICATED TO COW THAT IT COULD PROVIDE ROOMS FOR EVENING MEETINGS ON ONLY AN "AS AVAILABLE" BASIS.

2. CONFERENCE SERVICES HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE LOS SECRETARIAT TO PROVIDE THREE LARGE AND THREE SMALL CONFERENCE ROOMS FOR MORNING AND AFTERNOON MEETINGS
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FROM AUGUST 2L TO SEPTEMBER 15. THE DIFFICULTY IS THAT BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM ONLY THREE LARGE ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR BOTH LOS AND COW. CONFERENCE SERVICES HAS SUGGESTED TO LOS THAT THREE LARGE ROOMS COULD BE PROVIDED FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE CONFERENCE BUT THAT ONCE COW CONVENES ON SEPTEMBER 6 LOS COULD BE ASSURED OF ONLY TWO LARGE ROOMS. LOS HAS

REJECTED THIS IDEA.

3. USYG LEWANDOWSKI OF CONFERENCE SERVICES, USYG ZULETA OF UNCLOS, AND ASYG CORDOVEZ ARE MEETING THIS WEEK TO FIND SOME SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT IMPASSE.

4. ALTHOUGH CONFERENCE SERVICES HAS INDICATED THAT THE UN CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MAY BE POSTPONED, THE MISSION BELIEVES POSTPONEMENT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY. A POSTPONEMENT OF TCDC WOULD OF COURSE ALLEVIATE THE DEMAND FOR ARABIC INTERPRETERS DURING LATE AUGUST-EARLY SEPTEMBER.

5. IN ADDITION TO THESE PURELY PHYSICAL CONSIDERATIONS, FURTHER BACKGROUND TO THE PROBLEM WOULD INCLUDE RESOLUTION 3483 (XXX), IN WHICH THE GA DECIDED "TO ACCORD PRIORITY TO THE (LOS) CONFERENCE IN RELATION TO OTHER UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES. CONFERENCE SERVICES HAS REQUESTED A FURTHER LEGAL OPINION ON PRIORITIES.

6. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE A SESSION OF THE 35 MEMBER COMMITTEE ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 21 TO SEPTEMBER 15 IN NEW YORK CITY.
COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THIS TOO COULD REQUIRE ONE OF THE LARGER CONFERENCE ROOMS, IT IS A SOVIET INITIATIVE WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIVELY LITTLE SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF THE BLOC AND PRESUMABLY IS RELATIVELY VULNERABLE TO A DEFERRAL MOTION THOUGH THE SOVIETS MIGHT RESIST ENERGETICALLY OR PROPOSE A SHIFT OF VENUE TO GENEVA. END COMMENT.

7. THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES WILL TAKE UP THIS MATTER THE WEEK OF JUNE 19TH. YOUNG

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